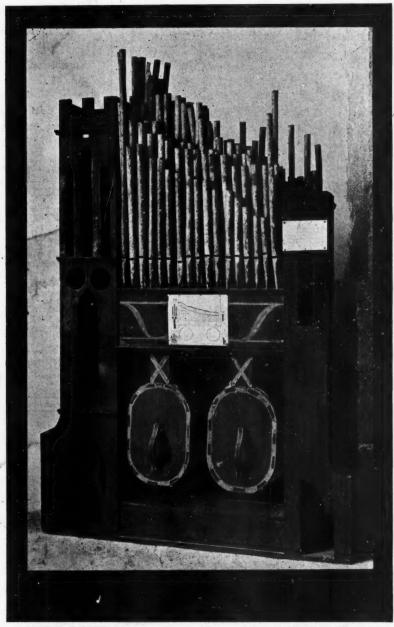
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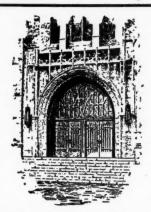
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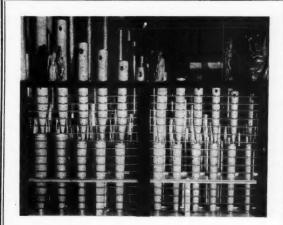
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A—G. Wilkes CONAWAY: "Blessed are they," Ef, 6p. e. (Schirmer, 15¢). Psalm 84 text. Appealing music, sane, sensible, convincing; chorus takes smooth passages in harmony style but with a good melody, against which the organ gives an irresistible rhythmic pulse that makes the whole thing sound like big music without noise. Something fine and

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\*A—Luther, ar.C.F.Mueller: "A mighty fortress is our God," Bf, 9p. md. (Schirmer, 16¢). First a version with the melody divided between the under voices, and then a fugue treatment on Mr. Mueller's own theme, then the theme back again, etc. An interesting anthem that may please a great many congregations and choirs.

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CHARLES W. McMANIS' OPUS 7

Photographed in Jean Dupertuis' woodworking shop in Paso Robles by Camp Roberts Dispetch, showing Mr. McManis, all-wood pipes of Swell Organ, space for the Positiv in front, and the keyboards without the necessary console controls.

# THE AMERICAN ORGANIST

November, 1944

# An Organbuilder Looks at His Art

Largely by CHARLES W. McMANIS

HEN the army is on the move, whether it's in vicious circles or what, that's no time for literary pursuits, says Mr. McManis who has been more or less on the move for the army ever since April 1942 when he became No. 17,056,999. He didn't give up organbuilding to go into the army; the army took organbuilding away from him (and everybody else) and in an attempt to drown his sorrows he woke up one morning to find himself with a number instead of a name. The average soldier can't get time enough to write the letters his family expects, but Mr. McManis got time enough to build an organ.

Building an organ is not necessarily important but in this case the background makes it interesting. Buried somewhere in the mass of documents thrown out as by a volcanic explosion is pretty much the complete story of that organ; the compiler doesn't attempt to put it in logical order, nor does he vouch for anything other than that pleasant little stick of dynamite commonly known as Charles McManis has furnished

all the details herewith presented.

Since the army supplied neither the time nor any metal for pipes, Mr. McManis stopped eating & sleeping for six months and made all his pipes of wood. He is a Mus.Bac. turned organbuilder. His primary spiritual interest is tone, though to pacify his physical vitality he had to do something so he built an organ, else he would long ago have waded right out into the Pacific and gotten at the Japs single-handed.

Having decided he must get back into organbuilding, war or no war, and knowing the army would probably not build a shop for him, he walked the streets—awake or asleep nobody knows—and discovered a wood-working shop in Paso Robles, Calif. He found the owner and tried to borrow the shop but the answer was no. But Jean Dupertuis, owner, had once tried to build an organ pipe and the darned thing wouldn't work. He should not have told Mr. McManis that. Not only was the shop loaned to the insistent corporal but Mr. Dupertuis wound up by giving him all the lumber he needed for the job and McManis Op. 7 got under way in a hurry.

The date was Friday the 13th of August, 1943, and the comment: "I got so desperate to do some organbuilding yesterday that I sat down in a moment of weakness and built myself a stopped flute out of cardboard and mucilage. Wish I could find a woodworking shop somewhere in a nearby town and spend my off time puttering at organ pipes and stuff. I manage to get rid of some of my organbuilding energy by working on organs in small churches around this part of the earth, free for nothing, just for fun." That letter

The war not only took his business and his factory but wound up by taking him also, but after working twelve hours a day for the army he spent the other twelve in a borrowed shop building an organ for himself with all the pipes of wood.

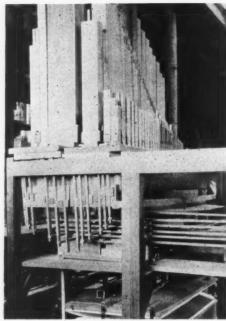
was addressed to "T.S.B., T.A.O., U.S.A., All War-Hampered." Later he found the shop and the work got un-

Early in 1944: "I am more certain now what I'll do with the organ than I was a month ago. There are several potential customers nagging at my heels but in spite of them I've decided to keep it for my own practise. I'll be glad to build organs for everybody in California after the war is over, but I'd rather custom-build them to the customers' needs. This organ is designed specifically to play organ literature as I would want it played. It is not designed to sentimentalize a congregation. I can build one that will, but not this one. I'm afraid I'm getting too independent, but here's the way I feel about it:

"There are enough prospective purchasers to keep all the country's organbuilders occupied. Of these prospective purchasers not too large a percentage would have a sensitivity to tonal refinement. To those who have that sensitivity I shall cater; to the insensitive I shall want to subtly suggest another builder. Life is too short; I'm afraid I'm going to be picky. With things on a craft basis, I can't waste time building what I don't want to build. I'd rather go into cabinet-making than build what some people want."

By the end of March the organ was progressing "nicely though at somewhat of a snail's pace, with only about twenty hours a week to work on it. I've put in 350 hours of spare time on it since Oct. 1; another five- or six-hundred should see it completed. I am in no rush to finish it. It's the fun of doing, as much as the fun of having it, that counts. I've been a little embarrassed about having such a good time doing what I like most to do, while others in the army are having one helluva time. But after all, it's my SPARE time—the time other G.I.'s use to liquidate their troubles at the bar or lose their money in friendly games of chance. The organ will cost me no more than I've seen some fellows lose in three or four crap-games. Maybe I needn't be embarrassed at spending my time constructively. In that world of the future I'd rather build fewer organs, do them well, and have a good time doing it."

By the time spring rolled around the staff of Camp Roberts' newspaper, The Dispatch, heard about the organ and insisted



MAKING IT WORK

Direct mechanical connections without pneumatics control the stop-action and all pipes were made of wood—by necessity.

on a photograph and story. Our photograph No. 1 shows the console before the stops were installed, the empty space immediately back of it where the Positiv chest will stand, and the pipes, all wood, of the Swell Organ. "If you look closely you will see all sorts of things in the picture: a bellows, tracker-levers to the pull-downs, wind-trunks, etc. The twin pipes in the back row are the first 17 of the 8' Principal (the first nineteen stopped) and 4' Harmonic Flute (first nineteen not harmonic).

"Wind-regulation for each pipe is the dowel turn-valve below the cap. My voicing technic has improved in the past four months; I'm becoming deft as a whittler. In voicing a metal pipe, if you bend something a shade too far, in most cases it can be bent back the other way a bit. In voicing a wood pipe, if anything is whittled just a shade too much, you

just sigh, and build another pipe."

June 16, 1944: "Opus 7 is gradually taking shape. The total number of spare-time hours spent on it since Oct. 1, 1943, is 528. Yesterday for the first time the pedals were working. After much painstaking work, to avoid rattles and squeaks, I finally got the manuals-to-pedal roller-board and

#### McMANIS OPUS 7

TEMPORARILY ON LOAN IN SAN MIGUEL Charles W. McManis, 1944

V-9. R-10. S-11. B-1. P-581.

PEDAL

16 SUB-BASS 32w

5 1/3 Quint (Swell Principal)

**SWELL** 

8 PRINCIPAL 19sw 42ow

4 FLUTE h (42h) 61w

2 GAMBETTE 61w

II MIXTURE (two knobs) 122w 1: 17-19. 31: 12-17. 38: 8-12.

Tremulant

POSITIV (V)

8 BOURDON 61w

4 PRINCIPAL 61w

2 2/3 NASARD 61w

2 DOUBLETTE 61w Couplers 3: S-P. V-P. S-V.

coupler-levers built and installed. The results are gratifying, both as to quietness and ease of action. No Pedal pipes as yet. I plan to make the pedal action tubular-pneumatic, using dado-cuts as the 'tubes.' The pipe total is now 235, lacking only 70 of the complete Swell division. I have the swellbox built and the resulting tonal cohesion is highly gratifying. For having only a single weak 8' stop, this division has amazing sonority and richness. Here's the secret. . . . " and since Mr. McManis at this point gives vital information he imbibed from many sources, information only a few have correctly evaluated, it is better not to broadcast it here. But he does know what makes the difference between an ensemble and an unpleasant noise. Continues Mr. McManis: when the 8' Principle and 4' Flute are drawn together, the two sets knit together, and then the 2' Gambette and 2r Mixture in turn tie into the 8' without sounding like what makes organists cringe when they draw a mixture. So free of mud is the bass end of the manual that with full ensemble drawn, any chord, even a 7th, can be played in the CC octave without blur. It prompted an uninitiated layman to remark, 'My, how rich and mellow the tone is'.'

Continuing on ensemble, which the organ world can well-ponder seriously: "Dr. Boner found that the 2nd harmonic, unlike most of the others, is unpredictable and erratic . . . . The 4' tone is the liaison officer between the 8' and upperwork, which my Op. 7 experiments have nobly proved. Don't get the idea that I'm egotistical; I'm just wildly enthusiastic.

"When I got the sliders working [end of 1943] I was amazed at how Geigeny a tone I'm getting from my Swell Principal; and the Harmonic Flute reenforces the 8' tone without seeming to change the octave, if you know what I mean. It isn't a weak, effeminate voice; it just blends. The wood Principal sounds quite like a metal rank.

"Original plans were for a Sunday afternoon recital for the U.S.O. on the instrument just as it stood in the factory across the street from U.S.O. headquarters, then removing the organ to the Old Mission of San Miguel, established in 1797. But then on a Saturday came warning that I would be moved much earlier than anticipated; on Monday, July 3, I moved the organ to the Mission and told a few friends I'd play a recital on it the evening of July 4th. I told the Padres that some of my friends would be coming in for the recital, so they mimeographed about 60 programs for me. Came time for the recital and some 250 'friends' poured in to fill the old Mission while the Padres stood with eyes agog, and beaming from ear to ear. I guess it was because the people of Paso Robles and vicinity had been watching the progress of the organ for so many months."



KEY-ACTION IS DIRECT
Possibly by choice as well as necessity Mr. McManis constructed his action in ancient tracker method without mechanical aids.

For the record, Mr. McManis' program: Handel's Saraband, Water Music, and Largo; three Woodland Sketches by MacDowell, Godard's Berceuse, Boellmann's Gothic Toccata,

Dvorak's New World Largo, Bach's Prelude & Fugue Dm, Martini's Gavotte, Vierne's Arabesque and Pastorale, and Franck's Chorale in Am. And it was played on an organ with only one manual and pedalboard that operated only the

coupler to that manual.

"Now then, as for the rest of the organ: As shown in the pictures, the flat space in front of the Swell will be the chest-level of the Positiv when I get around to building it after the war. I plan to continue work on the organ after the war as a hobby. I'll build organs for other people in the daytime and build organs for myself at night. There's nothing like variety. The Pedal section will be at the back and to the sides of the Swell section. As it stands the organ takes a floor-space less than 6'x6' and 9' height—not too much for a residence organ; and I plan to use it for my studio organ after the war, so I won't have to build organs six days a week and play for a church on the seventh day just to get an organ to practise on. With my own organ I can say Phooey and play what I please when I please—and maybe rest a bit on Sundays.

"I can't think of anything much that I've left out of this account of the trials and tribulations of an organbuilder with little more than a hammer & saw to work with, and them borrowed. Chest action is tracker, although actually no trackers are used, just levers. The sliders are of venetianblind stock, ½" thick. Wind-trunk to the Swell chest is of sufficient size so that the wind is steady. Reservoir is 2' by 3'6"; pressure is 3½"; blower is 1/3 h.p. plywood McManisblo designed to put out a large volume at low pressure, rather than a small volume at high pressure to be stepped-down by the poor over-worked reservoir. Pedalboard at present is 30-note but all the inside mechanism is geared for 32 notes when I get around to making a 32-note board. I filched this 30-note one from an unsuspecting . . . no, I shouldn't say that; they gave it to me gladly in return for renovation services rendered. Pedalboard operated only the S-P coupler for my recital but you should have heard the Boellmann Toccata. Of course I doubled the Pedal solo in octaves to give depth in the absence of a 16' but the results were quite pleasantly surprising."

As, we hope and believe, will be the future organbuilding activities of Charles W. McManis when he gets back to civilian life when he can both eat again and build organs. Not being able to do both now, he builds organs; he'll catch up on the eating when peace returns.

# Principals or Diapasons

By the Hon. EMERSON RICHARDS
Some of the reasons why the Principal has a better name

Principal' rather than 'Diapason' and if we compare a Father Smith Diapason with a Silbermann Principal we find great similarity of tone. There is a vast difference between these eighteenth-century foundations and modern English examples. This is due to an increase in scale and wind-pressure found in modern organs, with the result that the modern foundation is a much more commanding voice.

In the Great Organ of the Atlantic City Auditorium instrument there are no less than eleven 8' Diapasons, all of quite distinct tonecolors, but nevertheless unmistakable Diapasons. They vary in power and harmonic development from the quite foundational Phonon to the extremely brilliant

Schulze.

From my viewpoint, Principals of the baroque period in Germany vary just as widely. I have already pointed out the difference between a Schnitger and a Silbermann Principal;



CONSOLE & SWELLBOX
Positiv will be installed later in front of Swell, with Pedal pipes back of it;
walnut veneer will later cover the plywood.

there are differences also in the Diapasons of other builders of the period. They are all quite individual. Edmund Schulze called his finest Diapasons (those in the Armley organ) Principals.

The difference between a Silbermann and a Schulze Principal is one of degree. The Silbermann is on about 2½/4" wind. Its scale is not regular, being considerably thinner in the bass & tenor and fattening out in the treble. Whether it was originally nicked is a matter of opinion. The tonality is that of a subdued and quiet brilliance. The reason for this is that when it appears on the equivalent of the Great Organ it is not considered the unison pitch. The unison pitch of a Silbermann Great is 16' and there is a 16' Principal which may be considered the commanding voice. Usually there are at least two more 16's. The 8' and 4' Principals are merely a bridge between the 16' and the mixtures which expand the harmonic range of the division over practically the whole auditory harmonic range.

The Schulze Principal is on 3¾" wind, has a much wider mouth, and is supplied with a much greater flush of wind. The scale is substantially larger. The result is a commanding voice of outstanding brilliance and the Great manual in the Schulze organs is distinctly an 8′ foundation. The 8′ is complemented by a single mixture of Diapason pipes of the same scale and treatment and which from the middle of the keyboard upward repeat the same harmonic series as the unison. The result of this combination is a very brilliant but much more powerful ensemble than that of a Silbermann. These Schulze Principals in the hands of T. C. Lewis were called Diapasons, although they were voiced just as brilliantly.

Father Willis' Diapasons were, in the beginning, somewhat more foundational and of slightly larger scale, but there are many examples of Father Willis Diapasons and those of his brilliant grandson which approach in power and brilliance the Schulze examples.

The French Montres, even in the hands of Cavaille-Coll, are rather poor examples of the baroque originals, being on the thin and fluty side or, going to the other extreme, rather foundational Gambas. They do however combine quite well with the mixture-work, which they support, and do not inter-



DR. JOHN FINLEY WILLIAMSON'S VOCAL CAMP

held last summer at the headquarters of Westminster Choir College in Princeton, N. J., for highschool and junior-college students interested in voice development
in particular and church music in general; Dr. Williamson is tenth from the left in front row.

fere with the brilliant reed ensembles of the typical French organ. The Italian Principals are harder and louder. The Spanish are softer and more flute-like.

If the 8' Diapason is to be a part of the major chorus in an American version of a classic organ, it should be scaled and powered accordingly. It would not be a major voice. There would be a greater emphasis on the 16' tone than on the 8', but at most it would be not much more than 44-scale in the bass, with 1/4 or 2/9 mouth, rather low cut lip, and with somewhat restrained harmonic development. The 4' would be actually larger scale and stronger harmonically, and these voices would be expected to carry either two or, best of all, three mixtures—Cornet, Fourniture, and Cymbale.

In this design, if I wanted more robust Diapason tone, I personally would reserve it for the Bombarde division. If, on the other hand, we were designing an organ on true English or more conventional American lines, I would consider a light double of Geigen type sufficient, with a commanding unison of either Schulze or modified Schulze as the backbone of the ensemble, with a second and more subdued Diapason for the secondary chorus.

Beyond the 12th and 15th we would expect not more than one mixture, helped out by a not too assertive Trumpet. In other divisions our Diapasons would of course vary. The Swell, as a matter of general agreement, would have Geigen Diapasons, while the Choir Diapason would border on the Father Smith or Silbermann type. I do not care particularly what the stop is called so long as it has the right tonality in in the right place.

# Making Rehearsals Interesting

By EDITH E. SACKETT

Third article on the problems of building a successful children's choir

RECENTLY the newspapers have had much to say about juvenile delinquency, which we might well think of as the self-expression of our younger generation—at its worst. No child who has had junior-choir training will likely be found in this group of delinquents. What a grave responsibility is ours, to see that as many children as possible get this training. It is not so much what we say that influences childhood but rather what we are and do.

With these thoughts in mind we approach rehearsal with a deeper appreciation of our responsibility in creating congenial, happy surroundings that will evoke the right response in the child. They come trooping into the rehearsal room, which has been made as attractive as possible with flowers, pictures, etc., full of keen anticipation and from all types of homes; the bright, alert child, the

happy, indifferent, the unresponsive, the dull, the negative—one finds them in every group. To make the rehearsal interesting for all these little individuals is a gigantic task.

Most children respond to rhythm; hence the value of a few minutes of physical exercise at the start when to music they can imitate windmills by moving their arms about, or by clapping the rhythm of the hymns, etc. This will release tension after the hours in the schoolroom and also bring in an element of play and fun from the music—the joy that comes when working with others and developing the same interest.

The aim of the lesson or rehearsal is to lead the choir through proper breathing and tone-work to sing well; to teach the hymns, anthems, and responses in such a way that they will be pleasing and beautiful; to build an appreciation of the elements of the service and the part music contributes.

The lesson begins with each chorister in the seat regularly assigned to him, and all absences checked. We do not use just our voices to sing, but our whole body; and so we must get ready by doing some physical exercises first. Open the windows, and to music stretch our arms up, forward, sideways, and downwards. Standing on our toes, stretch tall, hands behind heads. Now do the windmill exercise. Stand with feet slightly apart, arms over head. Swing both arms down to the right and around in front, trying to touch the floor with the fingers as the arms swing to the left and back over the head again to complete the circle. Then have them do it, counting one, two, three, four. Next have them hum as they do it, all on the same pitch.

The vocal exercise can now begin. Ask the children to say 'm' and prolong it a little. What happens? They give a 'hum' sound. Hum next on a given pitch. Prepare the choir by lifting the hand slowly and, as the signal is given with the finger, they hum until the signal to stop is given. Be sure they all stop together so that it sounds as if snipped off with the scissors. Then imitate the wind, oooo, up and down the scale in different intervals and skips, and have them follow your example. After working on the long hum in the upper part of the voice, merge the hum into an oo sound. The tone must be soft, clear, and very sweet. Make sure they sing easily with a poised, quiet tone that is beautiful. And then carry this beautiful tone into a familiar hymn, "For the beauty of the earth," and make sure they are all in tune together.

Next might come a simple response. I tell my beginners what a response is and where it is likely to come in a service; then I read the response to be sung and explain the purpose and the words. We then play the music while the choristers listen, one of them perhaps pointing out the notes on the blackboard as the music is played. The piano then repeats the playing while the class hums, and the director explains note values etc. as needed. Another humming can follow, and then have them sing the melody on oo. To establish the



DR. JOHN FINLEY WILLIAMSON'S PROFESSIONAL SCHOOL for organists & choirmasters and public-school music-teachers, etc., held at Westminster Choir College Princeton headquarters last summer; Dr. Williamson is tenth from right, front row. These summer courses have made church-music history in America.

rhythm better, director and choir can read the words in their proper rhythm. And finally sing the words, once with the piano, once without, the choir standing and singing with as beautiful tone as possible.

The vocal work is important; we must watch posture as well as tone, realizing that best results come when the children do it all in the spirit of cooperation and play. They should not be taught vocal methods; since they are born imitators, through calls, bird-songs, tricks, or the singing of a member of the adult choir, beautiful tone is built up gradually by appealing to their sense of beauty. Music-training must satisfy an urge from within and give the child an opportunity for self-expression.

All children love folksongs for their simplicity and spontaneity. They appeal to the child's imagination because they resemble fairy-tales more than any other type of music. As works of art they are perfect and nurture in the child a sense of beauty.

One must be ever on the alert to answer unexpected questions. So often their reactions are quite different from what we expect. The main objective is to send the child home with a desire to return, nay, even looking forward with anticipation to the next rehearsal.

, To end a rehearsal I like to have them sing such a hymn as "Fairest Lord Jesus"; they like such music and will go out humming or singing as they leave.

(To be continued)

# Methodists Who Sing

Music by Dr. WARNER M. HAWKINS

ERE is a service that cannot come under either of the two classes reviewed in these pages. Because the Church has no choir but trusts to the inadequate solo-quartet it cannot be classed with any of the better ones in the City, and yet because the organist does his work so creditably it is too good for the anonymous series. Rhein-berger's Vision was already being played as a prelude when the reviewer arrived at 10:50—late thanks to the horrible transportation service prevailing since the City took over the subway systems. There was slightly too much congregationconfusion to give the prelude the place it deserved, though it was interestingly played as by a master. At 10:55 the piece ended and Dr. Hawkins indulged in a long improvisation on the first hymn, though it was good enough music and may have been a published work; if not, then set down Dr. Hawkins as a good service improviser—in fact too good for any confusion-making congregation. But Chimes used to play even a hymn melody alone as a melody are hardly satis-

rhythm better, director and choir can read the words in their factory music within any auditorium, however splendid they proper rhythm. And finally sing the words, once with the

When it comes to congregational singing and reading of responses and other parts of a service, the congregation of Christ Church, Methodist, must take first place. I do not recall any other doing the job so heartily; it was not loud or ostentatious, just hearty and solid. The organ support was good—solid and substantial. But no organist can take credit for such congregational singing as this, for participation in the readings was just as hearty, which would support T.A.O.'s theory that these things are almost entirely up to the minister and not the organist. A minister can tell his congregations they must sing & read more lustily, an organist can not. In this case the quartet contributed nothing at all; no quartet can unless possibly they sing all hymns entirely in unison. Dr. Hawkins gave variety in the stanzas; one for example was played through without pedal. But it was never a case of an organist leading the congregation in a hymn, the congregation was leading the organ; which is as it should be whenever a minister can make his congregation do it. If a minister can't or won't, nobody else can. This congregation packed the church to the doors; it also packed the auditorium

with hearty reading and singing. Very unusual.

The anthem was Mendelssohn's "O come everyone" and at the offering the quartet sang unaccompanied Rossini's "Hear us Lord." Did they hold to key? Dr. Hawkins is too experienced a service-player to take chances, so he resumed with his organ on low 16' pedal tone, building up to a pitch-sense gradually, and finally to fortissimo, improvising on the anthem theme, turning then to doxology key, timed exactly right so there was a moment's silence as the money-collectors arrived at the chancel, and then everybody really sang the doxology. At the end of the doxology another moment of silence, and then Dr. Hawkins began the congregational hymn in another key without preludial modulation and the effect was excellent. There are sometimes too many modulations; abruptness has its values too.

Sermon began at 11:37, stopped at 12:10. Dr. Ralph W. Sockman doesn't read his sermons, he talks them, in excellent style, neither bombastic nor humdrum. If you're addicted to sermons and take them as a matter of duty, you'd enjoy taking Dr. Sockman's. "To have a prejudice is to be down on something you are not up on," quoted he at one place; that's worth remembering.

Christ Church architectually is rather interesting. On the pulpit platform at the left is a single bench with a solid fence or shield the same length in front of it; on the opposite side of the platform is another exactly like it, and between these short benches and the congregation are small pulpits, one on each side. The minister sits and speaks at the left, his as-

wall of the auditorium, though it is pierced at each side, approximately in front of the two clergymen, by fairly wide doorways through which can be seen the choirloft. The organist presumably sits behind the middle point of this wall with his back to the congregation; his choir sit on a long semicircular cushioned bench that runs around the rear wall of this semicircular choirloft, facing their organist. That would not be bad, though the choristers have the effect of facing the congregation. To this reviewer it was made bad because the quartet crowded into one of the doorways and faced the congregation every time they got up to sing. I don't want the church to be either a concert hall or a lecture platform, do you?

Choral responses were attempted in spite of the depressing thinness of a quartet of soloists. This is not to condemn the four singers; no quartet can ever be fitting for any modern church excepting in occasional parts of occasional anthems in contrast to a chorus. With a congregation like Christ Church had on that Sunday, organizing and maintaining a really good volunteer chorus ought to be as easy as rolling off the proverbial log. Why has it not been done?

verbial log. Why has it not been done?

Christ Church mentioned its minister's name at the end of its two-page calendar, not at the beginning, it didn't mention its organist's name at all. If Christ Church is ashamed of its organist it has no right to be; Dr. Hawkins proved himself a superlative service player, the kind New York City is proud of even if the Church isn't. Christ Church is among the progressive ones that uses modern public-address equipment to carry its clergyman's voice comfortably to all parts of the auditorium; it's among the backward ones in trying to build services with anything less than a chorus choir. It has a fine organist; it sorely needs a fine choir.—ED.



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#### An Organ Man Goes to War

Reported by Lieutenant-Commander E. J. QUINBY Formerly director of Organists Cooperative Suild, New York

• Since arriving on this coral isle [with the Naval Station, on Key West, Fla.] we have not been exactly out of touch with the organ field. While our own organ was still in New York, we got acquainted with Fr. Dimmick of the (high) Episcopal Church here, St. Paul's, where there is a Frazee 2m. It needed considerable attention, as it is almost impossible to get an organ serviceman to come down this way; the nearest one is 150 miles away in Miami—and much overworked. So we turned to and made some much-needed repairs, did a tuning job, and received Fr. Dimmick's invitation to use the organ for practise. This was a great privilege for Margaret [Mrs. Margaret Bell Quinby] but for me it was somewhat tantalizing, as my questionable accomplishments at the console do not include much that is appropriate in church. However it was good to hear Margaret back at the keys. Later she played some recitals in reciprocation.

Then we had our own organ sent down from New York, and lacking any technicians here to do the job, Margaret and I had to set the whole thing up with our own lily-white hands—and in this heat. Eventually we got it wired up and hooting forth and we felt pretty proud of ourselves. This is the only residence organ in Key West and the southernmost organ in the United States.

Later, in going over the personal records of some newly-inducted service men I chanced to find an electrician whose experience included years of organ installation and service work, formerly with Kilgen. That was the beginning of a new era in Key West. Since then we have fixed up every organ in town, including a fairly new Moller in a Methodist church and a fine old Hook-Hastings tracker job in a Roman Catholic—which was in such bad shape that they were just about ready to throw it out and put in a juke-box. You should hear that little old Hook-Hastings job now. The termites had been doing a right tasty job on it, so we had to rebuild a lot of the action. Fr. Atherton is a very pleased man, now that he has had opportunity to hear that organ the way it was originally intended to sound.

Strange to say, our own Moller job has given us amazingly little trouble down here, in spite of the terrific heat. Perhaps that is because of the slow and relatively small changes in temperature, and the clean atmosphere. In New York, soot and cinders gave us quite a bit of valve and reed trouble, and the sudden and wide-range temperature changes gave us much tuning. (In winter we would open the windows in the evening to get relief from the terrific steam-heat, and before morning we would be almost frozen.) But here we have practically no trouble. Of course we were careful to acquire an all masonry termite-proof building with cement floors and hollow-tile walls. It has a high ceiling and acoustically is admirably suited for the purpose.

ADDENDA

Stoplist of the 3-26 Moller will be found in July 1939 T.A.O.; it is unified from six ranks. It was originally built in 1934 for Mr. Quinby's residence in Yonkers, N.Y., and moved to his New York studio in 1938. One of Mrs. Quinby's recitals on the instrument in its new Key West home:

Bach, All Glory be to God on High Stebbins, In Summer Boellmann, Ronde Francaise Snow, Meditation Franck, Cantabile Nevins, Toccata Dm

#### The Objective

• Music exalted by religious purpose, and guided by the sure touch of confident art, so that it goes up as on great wings toward God, and carries the hearts of people with it—this is our constant objective.—HELEN A. DICKINSON.

# EDITORIAL COMMENTS

# AND REVIEWS

In which the members of the profession and industry speak for themselves through the record of their actions and thus provide food for thought on topics of current importance to the world of the organ.

### For Better Church Music

KEADERS seem to want detailed analyses of how expert organists handle the services. In the good old days there was nothing to it but go & stop, one disjointed item after another. But even a string of freight-cars is joined together by couplings, so organists began to invent ways of knitting a service together. I think Mr. Archer Gibson must have been the first of them, developing his art in the Brick Presbyterian on Fifth Avenue. I'm fairly sure he had few imitators; it would take a man of Wagner's artistic soul to equal what Mr. Gibson did. Music committees in those days thought they were

important. When his grew too idiotic Mr. Gibson quit. When late in 1943 I heard a Brooklyn Presbyterian service in which Mr. Robert Baker knit the thing together with masterful art I was about ready to decide that the all-important thing in a service was to make a coherent entity of it in just that manner. Then Dr. Roland Diggle quoted the clergy against the organ profession and started a scrap, which Mr. R. Deane Shure answered from Washington by saying a church must make its congregation and its church-plant work full-time just like a war factory, or

it will always have small congregations.

Early in February I again fell victim to the readers' urge for detailed analyses and went to Mr. Seth Bingham's Madison Avenue Presbyterian. And that service, which I took to be an ordinary Sunday with no special reason to make the two-timers come a third time in the year, had a packed auditorium; yet there was the minimum of knit-ting-together. There was little evidence that the congregation was worrying about worship; it behaved about as badly as most Presbyterian congregations do. But from what was given and said to them, I think they were thinking a lot about the fact that there is a God and that He suggests certain fine ways of living for all mankind to attain; and they were somewhat in receptive mood to find a bit of help toward that attainment.

I think worship is a silly pretense and not wanted at all, though reverence surely is. Personally I like, in church, the kind of reverence shown by the congregation of St. Mary the Virgin. It annoys me when Presbyterians and Methodists and all the rest of them jabber in church as though at a picnic. But the church was made to serve man, and so long as the Madison Avenue Presbyterians can make so many people come under the influence of such worthy music and wholesome & helpful thoughts as Dr. Buttrick was giving them with the supporting work of Mr. Seth Bingham, there is nothing but danger in trying to tell

them they should do this or that differently.

I dislike worship because it's a cloak for so much trickery. If any of us want to lean on the Bible for a reason we must remember that what we have in both the Old and New Testaments, and we have it eternally, is everlasting insistence on obedience, service, greater happiness & finer living for mankind, and always the fear of God. To me the church exists first as an emblem of man's subservience to Divinity and second as a working-tool for prospering all that is good and eliminating all that is bad. The great preachers have not been they who have talked

most eloquently of Bible heroes or theological questions, but they who have given wrongs the hardest socks and championed fair-play and rightness most effectively. There's no worship in that; there's service.

What's the conclusion? At the moment I'd suggest a

Have the whole service knit together, say with such consummate artistry as I heard Mr. Baker use; reported in detail in our January 1944 pages.

If it's a liturgical instead of a non-liturgical service, pour into it the freedom & punch Dr. David McK. Williams shows in St. Bartholomew's; reported in lesser detail in our

November 1943.

If you have a minister and an official board to do their \* share as brilliantly as I believe those of the Madison Avenue Presbyterian do, help them along by the Westminster choir system accommodating (and giving hard but pleasant work to) children and youths of all ages, but follow Mr. Bingham's method and don't let them ruin a Sunday morning service by trying to sing an anthem in it all

alone; merge them with the adults.

And again, with the right minister and official board, these junior choirs will participate regularly not in the main Sunday services but in special services of their own. Mr. Bingham's church uses the junior and intermediate choirs at a special 9:25 a.m. service for boys and girls, and the young-people's choir at a 9:55 a.m. for "highschool young people." This is much the plan used in Mr. R. Deane Shure's Washington church, as told in our February issue. Make the church support an assistant organist for these junior choirs, even if it cannot afford a full-time professional like the Madison Avenue Presbyterian has in Mr. Horace M. Hollister; students and part-time organists will be only too glad for such work even though the average church cannot afford much of a salary. It offers an organ to practise on, and that is sorely needed by every young organist.

If there are any long items in the average service they should be the Scripture readings, especially from the four Gospels; everything else, including the sermon and the anthems, should be short. But if the sermon is trying to help 1944 humanity instead of explain or exalt some longdead Bible hero, fifteen or twenty minutes won't be too long. If the anthem has real musical value, and some of them have, a good length is not objectionable when the

choir is competent.

Under no circumstances have either choristers or soloist face and sing at the congregation as in concert. We can never have a religious service if that fundamental of common sense is violated.

Limit the service rigidly to sixty minutes.

My little village church got its supply of electricity tangled up with the September hurricane and the Edison crews couldn't do anything about it for a week. But so horrible does a piano sound in church that I'm glad they didn't make the blunder of carrying one in. The chapel or choirroom adjoins the auditorium, with but a door or possibly a short hallway between. The choir entered without vestments and took seats in the front pews, not in their proper

places. When 11:00 o'clock came, the organist played the processional hymn on the piano in the choir-room, with the door open, and it was not bad; choir then sang the hymn unaccompanied, with the congregation possibly trying. But the hymn was one of those senseless affairs going up to F and no man in his right mind will sing such a thing unless he is drunk, and the men in church were not drunk. Why didn't they transpose it down? A later hymn was ideal—the tune "Hesperus" by Henry Baker. It goes from E to C. There is probably not one musician alive in the world today who could write a good hymntune on such limited range, but Mr. Baker did. Possibly we ought to erect monuments to him at the entrance of every church in America.

I do not know why my little village church tried so hard to lay down and die, just because it had no electricity. Would any good T.A.O. reader similarly turn coward? doubt it. I have little but contempt for the current fad of unaccompanied singing in public, but for rehearsal it is invaluable; it can cure most of the current church-music ills. If a choir has no member blessed (or cursed) with absolute pitch, it is safe to trust a good amateur bass to establish the pitch for any of the hymns, chants, or anthems. At every rehearsal the routine should include having the choir begin to sing a hymn from pitch thus given by the chosen bass. In no time at all the job would be mastered and accidents to the supply of electricity would no longer make cripples of the whole music organization.

There are possibly several ways in which Dr. John Finley Williamson could train his Westminster Choir to sing an entire unaccompanied concert without any detectable pitchgiving anywhere; but it seems to me his most spectacular feat was that time his choir was distributed all over a banquet hall and still sang a choral benediction under his fingers with not the slightest clue as to how it was begun on pitch and all together.

"What organists need is more confidence in themselves as musical individuals," says Dr. Robert Baker. What the church needs is more hard work, intelligently directed, by both clergyman and organist, say I.—T.S.B.



N occasion I listen to church services on the air. There are usually some painful moments that should never occur, were the organist possessing a sound musicianship and sense of the appropriate. Here I discuss just one of these almost invariable evidences of the lack of musicianship-improvisation.

For years I have vigorously opposed the stunt of an improvisation in an organ recital. In the first place there is plenty of good organ music that has been composed in deliberation and with artistic care by experienced composers. It is impossible to extemporize music comparable in any way to a considered composition. I cannot agree with many of my otherwise competent colleagues who claim that certain men can improvise a musical masterpiece. In my opinion they are bad music 99% of the time, reeled off glibly on some particular formula that has been used so many times that any theme can be applied. If you listen closely to one of these men who specialize in this sort of a circus act, designed to astound the audience, you will soon discover the modus operandi. You will also find an amazing similarity in the successive performances in harmonic treatment, form, contrapuntal devices, and general style.

The place for legitimate improvisation is of course the church service. Here there are places where it is effective, and justified when well executed. Some of our French brothers do a splendid job in this field in their home churches where opportunities are traditional. These often are quite extended pieces, usually based on an appropriate plainchant melody. In a recital even the best of them are entirely out

To return to performances heard on broadcasts, it would seem that organists who must improvise publicly ought to give the matter serious thought and study before they display their inaptitude. When there are so many beginner's mistakes in harmony, certainly they should write it out ahead of time and correct the errors. Parallel octaves between bass and soprano are so frequent they have come to be a common heritage. All kinds of awkward progressions, clumsy modulations, and misplaced six-four chords combine to irritate the musically conscious.

There is no short-cut to skill in extempore playing, no matter how simple. Even in the invention of interludes and short preludes it is essential to have a really thorough knowledge of harmony. This ought to be something besides knowledge of what is incorrect; rather should it be directed to a knowledge of some of the effects that are beautiful as well as effective. This knowledge must be applied to the keyboard so that the effects are available to the fingers through a well-organized mental direction. Apparently few organists have had the training and the tremendous amount of practise necessary to make such performance facile and free from arti-

Aimless meandering is never improvisation. There must be a plan, no matter how simple or how short the interlude. In other words, organists must learn to keep their efforts from resembling the earth as described in Genesis-"without form In my experience too many seem to use that and void." verse as their musical text.

Many of us are aware of various schemes or systems designed to make improvisation easy. They are like the advertised methods to learn piano by mail in ten easy lessons. Naturally any experienced musician knows the obvious tricks, such as moving inanely in parallel thirds and sixths with a bass and perhaps a tenor part that remain peacefully stagnant. There are many similar shopworn devices. Add to these generous advice in regard to "allowing your imagination free scope and developing the creative instinct" and you really have something to beguile the novice.

Improvisation is not learned that way. If we admit it is instantaneous composition, and have ideals that are above those of tin-pan alley, we can never bring ourselves to accept such a procedure as a musical performance. It ought to be serious business when we play a church service. Tawdriness and commonplaces are presumably removed from those cloistered walls. The organ is worthy of our best considered efforts. Organists are reputed to possess a brand of musician-ship rather above the average. Listen to broadcasts your-self and find out what is going on in the field of church music.

Philosophy of Choir Service
From G. Russell Wing, M.S.M., First Congregational, Long Beach

• A 4-page 5x8 folder has been printed by Mr. Wing's church for distribution to "all our church members and interested persons in our community; this serves to publicize the choir's program for the year, to interest potential choir-members in joining, and to give the average churchman some idea of the philosophy back of choir service." The front page gives a picture of the choirs surrounding console & pulpit, minister & organist in their respective places; third page gives a photo of Mr. Wing at

his console. The complete list of monthly musicales is included, beginning with a hymn-festival Oct. 15, endingwith "Music of America" May 20, "the closing service for adult and youth choirs."

There are five choirs, the youngest singing only in the regular Sunday morning Church of Children in the chapel, the next three singing in festival services and occasionally in morning services, with progressive frequency according to age and ability; the adults rehearse two or three times weekly. Each junior choir rehearses once a week. quote some of the seven points of philosophy given in the

'The choristers are assistants to our minister; as such, their work is primarily worship, secondarily art. Church music is a release whereby we are freed from tensions. Since Christianity is essentially social and not self-centered, the cooperative and communal musical endeavor of the choirs is of significant value. Choir service aids character growth. Under the influence of common expression through fine church music, the soul of the individual merges with the greater soul of the congregation and results more truly in a 'People of God'.'

The hymn-festival with which the season began included sixteen hymns, sung in groups of four under special headings—God Reveals Himself Through Nature, Man Serves God Among Men, etc.—and each hymn was sung under the individual direction of one of the organists of the community. The festival was sponsored by the Long Beach Church Music Guild, many choirs participating. were so grouped that the smaller organizations were not self-conscious; juniors were included. There was one week-day rehearsal and one at 2:30 prior to the 4:00 festival. Combined choristers were divided into six groups and located one each in the north, east, and west galleries, one in the choirloft, two in the auditorium. Mr. Wing's mimeographed bulletin to announce the festival gave all details of arrangement and suggested thirteen 'technics' of interpretation—unison, harmony, with descant, antiphonally, melody from one gallery against harmony or humming from the other, etc.

An Unusual Organ Project
In St. Philip's Church, 166 Goodell St., Buffelo 3, N.Y.

• George Washington Carver was a Negro born in 1864 of slave parents on a farm near Diamond Grove, Mo. His father died early and he & his mother were stolen and transported to Arkansas. His captors traded him for a horse valued at \$300, and he returned to his former home. He worked his way through school and then through college. In 1923 he won the Spingarn Medal for the highest achievement of an American Negro during the preceding year. Dr. Carver died Jan. 5, 1943. He was "botanist, chemist, painter, musician, organist, healer, mystic, and saint.

As a living memorial to Dr. Carver, St. Philip's Church is raising a fund to rebuild and enlarge its 1892 Woodbury organ and set up a fund for its yearly care, and then "place the organ, thus endowed, at the service of qualified students, without distinction of race, color or creed, at a nominal charge" to be determined by the local electric company. "At no time is a profit to be made for its use. It is to aid music students and not constitute a money-making venture. Thus serving, it will truly express Dr. Carver's large and loving spirit, and so be worthy to bear the name under which we plan to dedicate it—'The George Washington Carver Memorial Organ.'

"If the best in our musical and spiritual traditions is to live, the organ must be studied. Yet students of the organ work under a severe handicap," for they rarely possess an in-strument of their own to practise on. St. Philip's Church, recognizing the difficulties under which Dr. Carver secured his education, thus come to the rescue of deserving organ



# The great WIDOR

A prolific composer in many fields, Charles Marie Jean Albert Widor (1845-1940) produced more important music exclusively for organ than perhaps any of his contemporaries. Aside from composing, he was a noted teacher and critic. A pupil of Jacques Lemmens, he later became organist of St. Sulpice in Paris, during which time he succeeded Cesar Franck as Professor of organ at the Paris Conservatoire, and later followed Theodore Dubois as Professor of composition at the same institution.

Widor probably is best known for his organ symphonies which have had a marked influence on organ technique, idiom and registration. There are ten of these works, most of which make severe demands on the resources of both organist and instrument.

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From the British Organ World

• "Yes, we have plenty of headaches lately, but they are caused chiefly by flying bombs. They are a great nuisance, as you have probably seen from the report of Mr. Churchill. Thank God, we have such a man as he. But our premises are intact though a lot of damage has been done very close. I never know until I turn the corner in the morning whether I will find the office where I left it the afternoon before. At home we are all right, but a lot of homes as well as lives have been lost not far from our road.

"The south of London (we live in a north suburb) has had it very badly and I should be afraid to live there. The population there, however, are a stolid lot and I think very brave. You can raise your hat to the south Londoner and all living in the counties between London and the south coast. They live in terror of their lives and mostly in great discomfort. You are lucky to be so far away.

"If we are not bombed out at home tonight, I leave for two weeks by the sea in the west country where we are looking forward to fourteen good nights' sleep without listening to the flying bombs which always seem to comeright over our house. They all seem to go over everybody's house! When they come down to about a thousand feet they rattle everything we have, doors and windows as well.

"While writing this our staff has had to retire to a room with only a small window, to save being cut by flying glass. We do not go down stairs as we are on the third top floor and there is no lift, or elevator as you say. We have to use our legs in this country more than you do."

The censors passed it, so here it is. From London. If England had not stood up to the beasts of Berlin until we could prepare to do our duty, our Atlantic coast cities would have been in ruin long ago. Let us all fervently thank Providence that there is an England.—ED.

Recovering from Improvements

From a letter from ALFRED G. KILGEN
While attending a meeting in the Army & Navy Y.M.C.A. a minister heard my name and asked if I was ever connected with an organ company. He had a Kilgen organ, pneumatic action, about forty years old. But it fell into the hands of some men who attached an electric console to it—and then they didn't have any organ at all. I went out and had a look at it. These fellows had decided to improve the standard key-touch and action, to make a very shallow console; so they cut off the keys, close back of the frame, and put various sizes of spiral springs under them. You can imagine what the touch was then like—anywhere from a half-ounce to sixteen ounces. For line wires they used picture-wire—the kind you hang pictures with—and no insulation. The switches also were an improvement—providing you didn't want to play the organ.

My brother George in Los Angeles still has quite a number of our old employees from the Geo. Kilgen & Son plant, so I packed up the console and shipped it to him for the needed restoration.

[Mr. Kilgen is now executive manager of the San Diego Service Men's Overnight Housing, Inc., nicknamed Buddy Beds for short, which takes care of men in the service on their visits to San Diego.]

The Reubke Sonata Recording

Excerpts from a letter from Fred M. Leiper
You have always had great admiration for West
Point Chapel and its magnificent Moller. A few years ago
Claire Coci gave a wonderful recital there, the Reubke Sonata
being the highlight. It was a memorable event. From that
time on I have wanted to hear the Sonata again under such
perfect circumstances, but never have had the chance. When
the recording by E. Power Biggs was released, I got just about
the first set in Boston and to my delight the reproduction is
much more faithful than I had expected. Having heard the
music under such favorable circumstances the first time, I was
almost afraid the records would be a little disappointing.
However, they are not; the recording is a masterpiece.

Early this spring Mr. Biggs gave a recital for the Longy School, on this same Harvard Memorial Church organ, including the Reubke Sonata in his program. It was the most satisfying experience I've ever had, to hear the music on the same organ, played by the same man, and registered the same as in the recording. I say right here & now that the records give a fine reproduction of the original. Mr. Biggs told me afterwards that he had not toned down the organ at all for the recording.

On the Episcopal Review

As badly as I hate criticism I sometimes find myself indulging in it. From the trend of the October p.229
criticism of an Episcopal service, it is evident the critic knew
nothing of the pointing as given in the chant book. He evidently doesn't give a hang for the meaning of the words,
and thinks more of the mechanics of professional playing
than of the worshipful spirit of the service. I am sure the
priest and congregation would rather have the service played
as it was by a sincere bungler than by a professional who
thinks more of correct registrations and time than of the
spiritual feeding of the flock.

[Not even those who set the pointing for the chants can stop progress, as anyone will know who has heard the chanting in some of our best churches; only in them, not in the 'official' pointing, are the words given their rightful emphasis or lack of it. The priest heartily wants something better but the congregation can't pay for it. The organist was not a bungler and was not called one; she was merely youthful & inexperienced.—ED.]

Dr. T. Tertius Noble

American Composers: Sketch No. 63

Thomas Tertius Noble, to use his full name which he never does, was born May 5, 1867, in Bath, England, had his early schooling under private tutors, and then turned to music, graduating from the Royal College of Music, London, in 1889, with the A.R.C.M. degree. He studied organ with Edwin Nunn of Ipswich and Walter Parratt Lordon theory with Frederick Bridge of London, theory with Frederick Bridge, composition with C. V. Stanford.

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His first position was with All Saints, Colchester, Eng., 1881, followed by St. John's, London, 1889, Trinity College, Cambridge, assistant, 1890, Ely Cathedral, 1892, York Minster 1898 where the New World caught up with his fame, bringing him to America in April 1913 as organist of St. Thomas Church, New York, where he remained intensively active until earning his retirement in June 1943 as Organist Emeritus. Incidentally he also earned the love of all who came in contact with him, the respect of all who knew either him or his music, and a most unique tribute in the dedication of a most unique tribute in the dedication of a memorial window to him in St. Thomas Church on Feb. 28, 1932 (see April 1932

He became an F.R.C.O. in 1904, Columbia University made him an M.A. in 1917, Trinity College in Hartford gave him his first Mus.Doc. in 1926, to be followed in 1931 by the Lambeth Mus.Doc. degree conferred by the Archbishop of Canterbury for-mally at the same service dedicating the memorial window.

Dr. Noble married Meriel Maud Stubbs in 1897 and they have one child; he came to America in 1913 and became a naturalized citizen in 1936. A booklet on the Training of the Boy Chorister was published by Schirmer this year, he has about a hundred anthems, services, etc. in print, and many organ pieces. He wrote two light operas while still in England, composed music for The Wasps of Aristophanes produced in 1897 in Cambridge, wrote the York Pageant music in 1911, and on first coming to America his cantata "Gloria Domini" was produced in St. Paul's Chapel, New York. He founded the York Symphony in 1898, revived the famous York Festivals in 1912 after a lapse of 75 years, and in 1919 founded the St. Thomas Choir School, New York. He began to play recitals in 1887 and has been playing the strength of the strength ever since; with release from the strenuous duties in St. Thomas he has been playing more recitals than ever before.

Published organ pieces: \*Elegy, g.60, 1913
Elizabethan Idyll, j.60, 1915
Fantasy on Welsh Tune, a.60, 1926 Finale, g.60, 1913 Intermezzo, ls.75, 1897 †Introduction & Passacaglia, a.1.50, 1935 +Legend, 1.75, 1944 Melancolique, j.60, 1915 Nachspiel, g.50, 1901 †Prelude Solennel, a.60, 1932 Reverie, g.60, 1913 Solemn March, g.1.00, 1913 \*+Solemn Prelude Gloria Domini, g.60, 1912 \*Toccata & Fugue, 1s.75, 1889
Triumphal March, h.50, 1915 Choralpreludes on— Aberystwyth, 1.75, 1943 Bangor, a.60, 1931 Charity, a.50, 1933 Dominus Regit Me, a.50, 1929 Drumclog, a.60, 1929 Dundee, a.50, 1926 Melcombe, a.50, 1924

Picardy, a.60, 1926 Rockingham, a.50, 1924

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Dr. T. Tertius Noble From a painting by Carle J. Blenner, 1936.

St. Ann, a.50, 1924 St. James (two), 1.75, 1943 St. Kilda, a.50, 1926 St. Peter, a.50, 1925 Stracathro, a.50, 1926 Tallis' Canon, a.50, 1935 Walsal, a.50, 1926 Watchman, I.75, 1942 \*Best-sellers; †Dr. Noble's own favorites.

Publishers are, as indicated, Arthur P. Schmidt, G. Schirmer, H. W. Gray, J. Fischer & Bro., (1) Galaxy. To complete the story, Dr. Noble devotes himself now to composition, teaching, and recitals. The photo reproduced here is from a painting by Carle J. Blenner made in 1936. He continues to teach composition in the School of Sacred Music, New York.

#### A Tribute

• "It would be quite enough to be able to play as he does, compose as he does, and train choirs as he has, but his charming and gracious personality and his marvelous vitality simply took all by storm. He seems to love all mankind," wrote John Van Varick Elsworth of Dr. T. Tertius Noble who spent four days late in September in Waterspent four days late in September in Water-town, N.Y., and gave a recital there Sept. 24 in Trinity Church. The morning service that day, directed by Gilbert Macfarlane, was exclusively music by Dr. Noble—three hymns, all the choir numbers, "Venite," "Te Deum," "Jubilate," and "Rise up O men of God," and four organ numbers, Introduction & Passacaglia, and three Choralpreludes.

Hooray, Improvement!

• The Copyright Office in Washington, finally learning there's a war on & paper should be conserved, has reduced its playful should be conserved, has reduced its playful little certificate from the ridiculous 8x12 shape (impossible to file in any normal place) to 8x8 (easy to file in the normal letter-file cabinet). And it's just plain black ink with no fancy borders, instead of that lovely but perfectly useless blue. Must be a republican in Washington at last. When we set true republicans there the certificate can get two republicans there, the certificate can be reduced to check size, say 8½x3½, the main printing on one side, all the typewrit-ing (with key-letters printed to identify it) on the other. That would reduce it from the Rooseveltian 96 square inches to only a good republican 29—quite a paper-saving if anybody in Washington cares to save paper, not to mention also envelopes and ease of handling in the mails.

Atlantic City Organ

• The September hurricane gave the basement of the Convention Hall more water than it needed and the blower motors fook a bath; otherwise no damage to the organ. The army has relinquished its hold on much of Atlantic City though it retains Convention Hall and uses the great organ every day, Cpl. Richard Wissmueller chief organist. There are daily half-hour recitals at 12:00 noon and special full-hour recitals the first and third Sundays of each month at 3:00. The daily broadcasts at 1:00 come from the smaller 4m in the ballroom. Following is a typical program by Mr. Wissmueller:

Byrd, Pavanne Couperin, Fugue on Kyrie Bach, My Inmost Heart; Fantasia Stamitz, Andante Rebikoff, March D Stebbins, In Summer Bornschein, French Clock Tournemire, Divertissement Prokofieff, Classic Sym.: Gavotte Schoenberg, Sketch

Bach, Toccata & Fugue Dm Bonnet Memorial Fund

o"In memory of Joseph Bonnet, an urgent appeal is made to American organists to ful-fill his oft-expressed wish, by contributing aid to his fellow organists in France now in the time of their tragic need," says an an-nouncement of the American Guild of Organists who are trying to raise money for "distribution in France" under the direction of the French Society Les Amis de l'Orgue.
"Your contribution of any amount, large or small, will be received with deepest gratitude by our French confreres. Please do not Your help at this time can prove a most effective gesture of goodwill betwen our two great nations." Send check or money-order payable to the American Guild of Organists, to Harold W. Friedell, 630 Fifth Ave., Room 1708, New York 20, N.Y. Is there any need to say more? There is not an organist in America who doesn't use French organ music in earning his income; possibly here is a grand opportunity to show appreciation at a time when it's needed most.

American Orchestra Composers American Orchestra Composers

on orchestra programs for the 43-44 season have been tabulated by National Music Council Inc., 338 West 89th St., New York 24, N.Y. The 17 major orchestras tabulated: Baltimore, Boston, Chicago, Cincinati, Cleveland, Detroit, Indianapolis, Kansas City, Los Angeles, Minneapolis, New York, Philadelphia, Pittsburgh, Rochester, St. Louis, San Francisco, Washington.
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Orchestras performing greatest number of works: Chicago 151, N.Y. 121, Cincinnati 115; least: Indianapolis 38, Kansas City 48, Rochester 50.

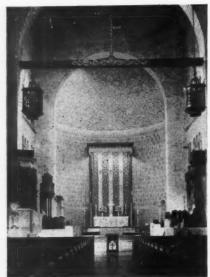
Performing greatest number of works by American-born: Wash. 15, Detroit 14, Bos-ton 13; least: Baltimore 2, K.C., Minn., Roch. 5 each.

Best percentage of American-born com-osers: Indianapolis 21%, Detroit 19%,

posers: Indianapolis 21%, Detroit 19%, Boston, L.A., Wash. 14% each; worst: Bal-timore 3%, Chicago 6%, Minneapolis 7%. In 1943-4 season 1430 works were per-formed, 147 of them by American-born, 135 more by foreign-born naturalized or living here; last season, 1235 works, 141 American-born, 116 others living here.

Too Little & Too Late

• The New Deal didn't soak the rich soon enough or hard enough. Now the crippled should have gotten after millionaires more quickly and then they and not the rippled children might have had that ten millionaires more quickly and then they and not the crippled children might have had that ten million.



ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL in Los Angeles is of basilica form, "Impressive by reason of its massiveness and height." Donald L. Coats is organist.

#### St. Paul's Cathedral, Los Angeles Music by Donald L. Coats

• Dr. Ernest Douglas was Cathedral organist for many years, followed by Dudley Warner Fitch who remained 18 years, Mr. Coats being appointed about a year after Mr. Fitch retired. The paid choir of men & boys has two 75-minute rehearsals each week with a full hour rehearsal before each service, which is only the wartime schedule forced by transportation difficulties.

The organ, originally by Murray Harris, was rebuilt by Stanley Williams and the Kimball Co.; it includes an enclosed 32' Pedal Bombarde. The unenclosed Great Pedal Bombarde. The unenclosed Great "speaks out through the arches over the choirstalls." There is "a good supply of soft and medium material for accompanying. Pro-

vision has been ma 'c for an added gallery division of good size."
"St. Paul's steers a middle-of-the-road course. For the morning canticles we use a great many chants rather than anthem set-tings. We use plainsong occasionally, both for the canticles and for Holy Communion. The congregation surprises most visitors by its hearty participation in the hymns and many of the chants."

St. Paul's clergy give their organist's name along with their own at the head of the printed calendars. The Cathedral is basilicashaped, not excessively large, but impressive for its massiveness and height; decorations are Byzantine. It is located down town and is the oldest Protestant church in Los Angeles. Acoustics are favorable for music but the speaking voices are picked up by micro-

#### Donald L. Coats' Repertoire St. Paul's Cathedral, Los Angeles

· Our thanks to Mr. Coats for indicating the publishers; space has not been taken here for T.A.O.'s key-to-publishers since January 1943; as usual publishers are indicated by key-letters hyphenated to the composer's name.

Anthems M.Andrews-h, Shadow of Thy wings Bach-cp, Lord will not suffer Barnby-hn, King all glorious E.S.Barnes-h, Put on therefore Benedict-hn, Lord be a lamp
Brahms-h, How lovely is Thy dwelling
A.G.Y.Brown-h, Only-begotten Word
Coleman-ls, Great God what do I see -ls, King of love

Elgar-h, Jesu Word of God Franck-g, O Lord most holy Goldsworthy-j, How beautiful upon Holst-ls, Let all mortal flesh Ireland-ls, Greater love hath no man James-w, I am the Vine Jennings-h, Springs in the desert Jewell-h, Ride on in majesty Kitson-co, Jesu grant me this Macfarlane-g, Jesus calls us Martin-hn, Great day of the Lord Matthews-g, O Savior of the world Mendelssohn-hn, Grant us Thy peace Parker-g, Lord is my Light Rogers-o, Seek Him that maketh Rowley-co, Praise
G.Shaw-gc, Praise God in His holiness
M.Shaw-g, A blessing
hn, O clap your hands
Smart-g, Lord is my Shepherd
D.S.Smith, Blessed are they

D.S.Smith-h, Blessed are they Sowerby-h, Blessed are all they Stainer-hn, I desired wisdom Thiman-o, Blest are the pure -h, O God of love

Waddington-hn, Father of mercies West-hn, Everlasting Light -hn, Lord of the worlds Whiting-g, They that wait Services

Candlyn-a, in G, short Eyre-g, in Ef Littlejohn-pf, Missa Sancti Niniani Lutkin-h, in C Oldroyd-co, in D (Quiet Hour) Stainer-g, in Bf

Benedictus es Domine E.S.Barnes-h, in F Candlyn-a, in C; -c, in Gm. DeCoster-g, in F M.I.A.Martin-h, in Cm Matthews-h, in Af Means-h, in Gm Noble-a, in Am Webbe-h, in D Willan-h, Plainsong with faux-bourdon Te Deum in C, Lutkin-hn in Bf, Stanford-g Benedicite Omnia Opera, Stokowski-h

# Donald L. Coats, M.S.M. St. Paul's Cathedral, Los Angeles

• "For just a year now," wrote Mr.
Coats in March 1944, "a full-time job in the
Douglas Warehouse in Santa Monica, six
days a week, 8½ hours with Douglas, 2½ hours for transportation, plus my duties here at the Cathedral, have kept me stepping. Am sincerely thankful, though, to be able to do something useful towards the war effort." To help out for duration, Florence Hankins, assistant organist, "takes over all regular week-day services and plays for the short service of evening prayer on Sundays at 5:00. However, we do have a great many special services, this being the Cathedral, and I am on deck for all of them in which the choir

Mr. Coats was appointed to the Cathedral in 1942, is married, has two children, and has done much composition "just for my own pleasure and benefit," though an an-them and service have been accepted for publication. As his degree shows, he is a pupil of Dr. Clarence Dickinson and graduate of the School of Sacred Music, New York.

#### Luther T. Spayde's Repertoire

Methodist Church, Feyette, Mo.
• Following is the anthem repertoire of Mr. Spayde's Central College choir, season 1943-44; \* indicates numbers used last season also; + those used three consecutive seasons.

Ambrose, O come to my heart Andrews, Lord of all being Bach, Jesu joy of man's desiring Barnby, Sweet is Thy mercy

Cain, Chilun' come on home Christiansen, Beautiful Savior† Spirit's yearning Clokey, Let hearts awaken\*
Cole, Psalm of Praise
Davis, Song for Peace Dickinson, Joseph's lovely garden Shepherd's Story Gaines, We give thanks to Thee† Gaul, Washington's Prayer Gretchaninoff, Credo Haydn, Heavens are telling Jackson, Poor wayfaring stranger\*
Jones, Hosanna Kastalsky, God is with us Macfarlane, Open our eyes
Makarov, Angel said unto Mary
Quilter, Lead us heavenly Father\*
Shelley, Hark my soul King of love Stainer, God so loved the world\*

Stevenson, I sought the Lord Tchaikowsy, How blest are they Legend

Voris, Song of Mothers
Williams, In the year\*
From the 36 preludes listed, the following are noted as of special interest.
Candlyn, Divinum Mysterium
Clokey, Cathedral Prelude
Edmundson, Benedictus
Flowd Antiphon on Litary

Floyd, Antiphon on Litany
Gaul, Negro Once Sang of Good Friday
Daguerrotype of Old Mother
Greenfield, Prelude Olden Style
Hokanson, Song of Thanksgiving
Kreckel, Prelude on I Love Thee Lord Mason, Cloister Scene Snow, Vigili et Sancti Sowerby, Meditation True, Carillon Mater Adorans

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ganist, J. Harrison Walker.



of St. Paul's Cathedral, Los Angeles, who a more than his share "for duration" by taking on also an 8-hour 6-day Douglas Job.



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-,, Fange Lingua
Frote-a, Communion
Franck-kd, Chorale E
Krebs, Imp, From God Will Naught
Pachelbel—Imp, Fugue D
Pierne-kd, Cantilene Scheidt-Imp, Courante Sweelinck-Imp, Toccata Zachau-Imp, Prelude & Fugue G

Thanks to Mr. Bingham for indicating the publishers; key to publishers will be found on Jan. 1943 p.4. Liturgical Music Press, new to the key, is indicated by Imp. WASHINGTON CATHEDRAL

Washington, D.C. une 11 to Oct. 15 Anthems Noble, Souls of the righteous
Ireland, Many waters cannot quench
Wesley, Lead me Lord
Grieg, Jesu friend of sinners
Sullivan, O Gladsome Light
Randegger, Praise ye the Lord
Noble, Lord of the worlds above Bairstow, Save us O Lord Purcell, Thou knowest Lord Arcadelt, Hear my prayer O God



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Cordans, Jesus Thou only Savior
Bach, Jesu Joy of man's desiring
Bortniansky, Lo a voice to heaven
Bach, Subdue us
Palestrina, O Holy Father Thiman, Eternal Ruler V.Williams, O Strength and Stay Tchaikowsky, Hymn to Trinity Bach, The Lord will not suffer Davies, God be in my head Candlyn, Bread of the world Gibbons, O Lord increase my faith Friedell, King of glory
Gardiner, Thee Lord before the close West, Hide me under the shadow West, O God of love

Many of the anthems used in July were repeated in the August services.

Magnificat & Nunc Dim.—

Harwood in Af Morley with faux-bourdon Noble in Am Stanford in Bf Walmisley in Dm Whitfeld in F ar.Willan with faux-bourdon

ar. Willan with faux-bourdon
Much plainsong was used. Failure to
specify the key makes it impossible to definitely identify the other settings. The Cathedral presented four recitals through the
period by Frederick Chapman, Lt. Ellwood
W. Hill, Robert Ruckman, Theodore

W. Hill, Robert Ruckman, 1
Schaefer.

\*THORNTON L. WILCOX

\*Bellevue Presbyterian, Bellevue
September Morning Services

\*Bach, Jesu Joy of Man's; Arioso.

God is a Spirit, Bennett
Open our eyes, Macfarlane
Bach, God's Time is Best

\*Bonnet. Clair de Lune: Legend 2. \*Bonnet, Clair de Lune; Legend 2. Create in me a clean heart, Scholin Bonnet, Pastorale God of Abraham praise, Buck

Bonnet, Stella Matutina \*Zachau, Prelude & Fugue G When Adam Fell O God Who Lookest Down Incline your ear, Martin Zachau, O Lord We Poor Sinners Psalm 150, Franck Zachau, Prelude & Fugue G
\*Brahms, Three Choralpreludes
The Lord opened the doors, Harker

He bold opened the dools, Flancel
Brahms, Thou Holy Mystery
He shall come down, Buck
Brahms, Joyfully My Soul
Mr. Wilcox plays an organ number while the offering is being taken, congregation then sings the doxology, and then the morn-ing anthem is sung.

Dr. C. Harold Einecke

• spent his summer in missionary work out of his home state; here's the result in one church:

Perhaps the best evidence of the success of your presentation is the fact that my church has adopted a program includ-ing the first steps toward a church-school setup such as you proposed—remodeling a room for the choirs, repairs to the organ,

room for the choirs, repairs to the organ, employing an assistant organist, purchasing a grand piano, building a set of circular collapsible risers, and purchasing new vestments. Not all this can be done this month but it will all be done within the year."

Dr. Einecke began his intensified churchmusic program after taking the Westminster Choir course with Dr. John Finley Williamson more than a dozen years ago; his music in the First Congregational, Grand Rapids, Mich., is a model of what can be done by a full-time organist who knows how. He has been appointed consultant on new choir units being established in three out-of-state churches. three out-of-state churches.

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Unless a program has special character as elsewhere defined ublished in T.A.O. only when received advance publication; closing date is of month prior to date of playing.

 DR. ROBERT LEECH BEDELL Green Ave. Baptist, Brooklyn Nov. 19, 3:00 Gigout, Toccata Bm Jongen, Pastorale A Busser, Marche de Fete Libert, Priere Bossi, Fughetta; Pastorale. Sittard, When in the Hour Bonnet, Romance sans Paroles Karg-Elert, Two Chorale Improvisations Bedell, Divertissement; Toccata Française. Massenet, Thais Meditation Boex, Marche Champetre Bach-Gounod, Ave Maria Kemmer, Deep River

Elgar, Pomp & Circumstance Dr. Bedell broadcasts Wednesdays at 10:15 WNYC from Brooklyn Museum.

WALTER BLODGETT Museum of Art, Cleveland Nov. 8, 8:15 Bach, Prelude & Fugue Bm Four Choralpreludes Fantasia G Sonata 2

Franck, Chorale Bm Mr. Blodgett gives recitals every Sunday at 5:15 in the Museum.

GEORGE L. SCOTT Illinois Wesleyan University Nov. 12, hour not named Franck, Chorale Bm Humphrey, Nocturne Bach, Two Choralpreludes Prelude & Fugue Em De Grigny, Recit de Tierce
Vierne, 2; Cantabile; Finale.
Mr. Scott played the same program Oct.
30 for the Guild in St. Louis.

LESLIE P. SPELMAN University of Redlands, Calif.

University of Redlands, Calif.
Nov. 12, 3:00, Bonnet Memorial
Frescobaldi, Canzona
Toccata per l'Elevazione
Clerambault, Prelude
Pachelbel, Vom Himmel Hoch
Scheidt, Cantilena Anglica Fortunae
Handel, Con. 10: Aria

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\*Bach, Prelude & Fugue Em Karg-Elert, Aria Semplice Yon, Son. Romantica: Adagio Reger, Benedictus Mulet, Toccata Fsm \*\*Gallupi, Andante
Bach, Come Sweet Death
Mendelssohn, Son.6: Fugue; Finale.
Yon, Son. Romantica: Int. & Allegro \*Bach, Son.1: Allegro Brahms, Two Choralpreludes Cradle Song

Gradie Song
Silver, Rhapsody Bm
Mr. Walker gave a series of eight October programs of "famous recordings electrically amplified" and followed with six organ recitals on Tuesdays and Fridays from Oct. 31 to Nov. 17.

CARL WEINRICH Sts. Andrew & Paul, Montreal Nov.6, 8:30, Casavant Society Bach, Concerto 2

15 Orgelbuechlein Preludes Sonata 6 Pastorale F Prelude & Fugue Am

November Events • Buffalo: Nov.13 the Guild presents Matthew Lundquist in a talk on Liturgical Music, Richmond Avenue Methodist. The chapter celebrated its 25th anniversary banquet Oct. 21.

New York: Nov.13, 8:30, Church of Ascension, Vernon De Tar recital, presenting the first New York playing of Sowerby's Poem for viola & organ, with Wm. Primrose violist.

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RICHARD KEYS BIGGS

Claremont College Marcello, Psalm 18 Bach, Arioso Purcell, Trumpet Tune Daquin, Coucou Wagner, Liebestod Schumann, Sketch Borowski, Son.1: Andante Biggs, Prelude on Bach Stebbins, In Summer Trad., Londonderry Air Boex, Marche Champetre Blanchard, Lento Biggs, Deo Gratias

DR. C. HAROLD EINECKE Occidental College Campra, Rigaudon ar.Bonnet, Czecho Fugue Seeger, Fugue Fm Bach, O God be Merciful

Prelude & Fugue Am Doty, Mist Purvis, Kyrie Eleison Hamer, Reverie Haussermann, Aria; Scena.

DR. T. TERTIUS NOBLE

Trinity Church, Watertown Bach, Prelude & Fugue Am To God on High

Noble, Elegy Yon, Shepherd's March Corelli's Suite in F Handel, Largo in E Gliere, Prelude Mussorgsky, Une Larme Rebikow, Silhouettes Noble, Toccata & Fugue Fm

Three Bits of Americanism, 1944

1. In Detroit 2,520 "workers" went on strike because two union committeemen were given 30-day lay-offs for "using objectionable language" in the presence of women.

2. August 1944 saw 485 strikes "highest August figure for any of the last five years," said the Bureau of "Labor" Statistics, Washington, D.C.

3. With coal a vital war necessity, Harold Ickes reported the loss of 1,159,684 tons because of "labor" strikes in a four-weeks period ending Sept. 16, 1944.

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#### Mark Davis

· whose move to Bethlehem was reported in October T.A.O. was born on a June 6 in Easton, Pa., graduated from highschool there and took some courses in Lafayette before turning exclusively to music. He studied organ with Firmin Swinnen, piano with Earle D. Laros, theory with Mr. Swinnen and Dr. Rollo F. Maitland, other subjects with Canon Douglas, Father Finn, Dr. John Finley Williamson, and at the Wellesley

His first position was with Olivet Presby-terian in 1923, followed by three others in Easton in successive years and then St. Mark's Reformed 1926, and finally Trinity Episcopal in 1929, adding Temple Covenant in 1932, resigning from the two latter in 1944 to leave Easton and become organist of Central Moravian, Bethlehem, Pa., as of Sept. 1, 1944, adding as of Nov. 1 the post of supervision of music in the Moravian Preparatory School.

He married Doris Gutherson in 1931 and they have two children, one already singing in a boychoir and studying violin, the other too young for music study. His father, John Davis, is cornetist, bandmaster, and choral director, and Mr. Davis has played various brass instruments in his father's band, also the oboe and piano in the Easton Symphony; since 1942 he has directed the glee-club and orchestra for Ingersoll-Rand, both of which activities he continues.

The organ in Central Moravian is a 3-40 built in 1939 by Fritsche; to the adult chorus of 50 volunteers other choirs for juniors are to be added later.

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Welcome, Theodore Poister!

· On Sept. 22 Theodore Poister came to the home of Mr. & Mrs. Arthur Poister and all three of them, including Papa Poister, are doing just fine, even though the latter was too excited to tell us about it for three whole

Elizabeth Sprague Coolidge

· celebrated her 80th birthday Oct. 30 and the Library of Congress presented a three-day festival Oct. 28 to 30 to honor this great patron of chamber music and at the same time mark the tenth anniversary of the Elizabeth Sprague Coolidge Foundation. The beth Sprague Coolidge Foundation. Ine-third of four programs presented music for organ and strings, E. Power Biggs organist: Bach's Prelude & Fugue G, Beethoven's String Quartet Op.127, Walter Piston's Par-tita for violin-viola-organ, Reubke's 94th Psalm Sonata, Dupre's Variations on a Noel for organ.

Casavant Society

• Now in its 8th season, the Casavant Society, Montreal, Canada, presents six organ concerts and recitals this season, monthly from October to March: E. Power Biggs and Bernard Naylor's Montreal Little Symphony, Carl Weinrich, Charles Peaker, Claude Lavoie, Arthur Poister, Walter Baker. The Society founded by or in horse of Casavant. Lavoie, Arthur Poister, Walter Baker. The Society, founded by or in honor of Casavant Freres who have built almost two thousand organs since the beginning of their business in 1880, finances these organ recitals by season tickets, \$5.00 reserved seats, \$3.50 general admission. The Society's address is 761 St. Catherine St. West, Montreal. Too bad there are not a hundred organizations like it in America doing similar work. Why E. Power Biggs

and his broadcasts from Harvard Museum got 20% of the space in C.B.S.'s Sept. 23 advertising in The New Yorker. C.B.S. quoted Harlow Shapley: "The world at large never knew of its own holdings in fine organ music before Mr. Biggs and the Harvard organ and the Columbia Broadcasting System got together on the sthey waves System got together on the ether waves . . This enterprise gives one a sense of personal participation in something that partially justifies the maintenance of Western civilization." Know who Mr. Shapley is? An astronomer; you'll find him in every modern encyclopedic encyclopedia.

George W. Roe

of the First Scientist, Freehold, N.J., for the past year, has been appointed organist & director of the children's choir of the First Methodist, Bradley Beach, N.J., succeeding Mrs. Frederick Hall who has retired after 19 years of service. Mr. Roe won the 1943 Berolzheimer prize for high-set marks in his class and eraduated from won the 1949 Beroizheither prize for high-est marks in his class and graduated from the Guilmant Organ School, New York, last June. He continues on the faculty of Manasquan Conservatory.

A. G. O. Notes

• Committee appointed as judges for the H. W. Gray anthem contest: Drs. Joseph W. Clokey, Roland Diggle, David McK. Wil-liams (chairman). Hooray, an excellent Nov. 13, Vernon de Tar and William Primrose, organ & viola recital.

Dec. 27 & 28, 'conclave of deans,' forum

on examinations, pilgrimage to organs, Christmas-dinner and theater party. May 7 to 11, festival, details later.

Thomas Moss

Thomas Moss

was honored in the Oct. 1 morning service, Calvary Baptist, Washington, D.C., by a sermon on The Ministry of Melody, by Dr. Clarence W. Cranford, followed by a "Recognition Service for Thomas Moss, organist for twenty years at Calvary." Mr. Moss was called to the pulpit and presented with wallet containing twenty five-dollar bills from the choir. Mrs. Moss was presented with an orchid, and the church staff took Mr. & Mrs. Moss to a dinner after the took Mr. & Mrs. Moss to a dinner after the morning service. "Evening congregations average around 500; Dr. Cranford packs them in at the morning service. The Westminster plan was introduced five years ago."

**Bach Abbreviations** 

The following abbreviations, devised possibly by Lynnwood Farnam, can be used to more accurately identify Bach's music:

E, Eighteen Great Chorales
GC, Greater Catechism
L, 8 Little Preludes & Fugues
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ment I've ever seen.

"We're back in fox-holes (in Belgium) but we certainly had our day. The past two days are the first clear days we've had in quite a while. It rained steadily for 17 days and I do not recommend a pup-tent as a haven after a week's rain, mud, and more mud.

"Here's hoping we get a whack at Berlin before too long."—RICHARD I. PURVIS, Warrant Officer, 28th Infantry Division Band, dated Oct. 7.

#### He's In the Army Now

• To our brothers out there on the front, some of us back here are doing our best to get this mess over with.

get this mess over with.

DONALD L. COATS, St. Paul's Cathedral,
Los Angeles, took on a war job in Santa
Monica, "six days a week, eight and a half
hours a day of work, two and a half more
for transportation." The time that remains
goes to his Cathedral. "Am sincerely thankful to be able to do something useful toward
the war effort."

A. EUGENE DOUTT of Kalamazoo is "working ten hours a day in a war plant and trying to conduct three choirs and play the organ in an Episcopal church." These are only two such that came to notice in one week's mail

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"We've been in France," the censor kindly passed on Sept. 6, "for quite some time, living in fox-hoies and engaged in non-musical

"We've been in France," the censor kindly passed on Sept. 6, "for quite some time, living in fox-holes and engaged in non-musical duties. I am fast becoming an expert in the Art of Digging Fox-Holes. I haven't been inside a French church yet, much less heard a French organ. All towns are off-limits as soon as they're liberated. The French have treated us magnificently and ve feel welcome and at home here. Life is far from being 'social,' but we are managing and have no complaints."—W/O. RICHARD I. PURVIS, whom T.A.O. readers well know by

#### Jack L. Noble

• recently appointed organ and piano instructor for the University of South Dakota, was born Nov. 4, 1922, in Longmont, Calif., finished highschool there, and then went to the University of Colorado, graduating from its College of Music last June with the Mus. Bac. degree, studying organ with Everett Jay Hilty, piano with Mark Wessel, theory with Rowland W. Dunham. In 1941 he was appointed to First Congregational, Boulder, Colo., and in 1944 to the First Baptist there. Along with his appointment to S. D. University he became organist of First Congregational, Vermillion, where he has a 3-20 Moller installed in 1930 and directs an adult chorus of 30 voices. The University has a 4-26 Skinner. His senior recital at the University of Colorado: Bach, Prelude & Fugue G

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Canadian Wartime Information Board, Washington, D.C., announces "an exchange of young artists" between Canada and U.S. Details later.

Monmouth College, Monmouth, Ill., offers \$100.00 for a setting of Psalm 48 "written for congregational singing. Abort harmony for congregational singing, 4-part harmony, and of a specified metrical version." Details from the College.

Peabody Winners

• Dorothy Quennell of Baltimore was winner of the three-year organ scholarship in competitive examinations, among 13 three-year scholarships awarded at the same time in other instruments and voice; each is re-quired to give a public recital prior to grad-uation. There were also four one-year

Robert M. Stofer, M.S.M.

 has been appointed to Covenant Presbyterian, Cleveland; he is a graduate of Wabash College and of the School of Sacred Music, New York. He was formerly with First Baptist, Bridgeport, Conn., and for the past two years with First Congregational, Montclair, N.J. Harry F. Fussner, acting-pressing the resignation of Charles Al organist since the resignation of Charles Allen Rebstock, has been appointed assistant Eugene R. Kilgen

 Though tracing his family connections back into the remote European past, Mr. Kilgen's immediate organbuilding family began in America in 1851 with the arrival of Johann George Kilgen who had evidently been active in the craft in Germany many years earlier; his son Charles C. Kilgen was born in New York City and was taken into partnership in 1886 in the business that had moved to St. Louis in 1873. If was there that Eugene R. Kilgen was born on an Oct. 20.

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He had his early schooling in St. Louis and graduated from St. Louis University in 1917. To better equip him as an organ-builder he studied organ with Clemence Robyn. In 1919 he began his work as an apprentice with Geo. Kilgen & Son, progressed in 1921 to service & installation, became secretary in 1923, sales manager in 1925. general manager in 1929, and vicebecame secretary in 1923, sales manager in 1925, general manager in 1929, and vice-president in 1934. In 1939 the original company liquidated voluntarily by wish of the four brothers then controlling it, and soon two new organizations were formed to carry on the Kilgen name. One of them, operated by a group of former employees, went into bankruptcy in 1944, while the other, headed by Eugene R. Kilgen with ployees, went into bankruptcy in 1944, while the other, headed by Eugene R. Kilgen with Max Hess as his chief associate, continues under the Kilgen Organ Company name. Mr. Kilgen heads that Company and looks to the future with great optimism. He is a hard-working enthusiast and presses forward with vigor. He graduated from the School of Military Aeronautics, Austin,



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Texas, and during the first world war served in the army as pilot. During the second war he has directed his factory in the manufacture of aircraft parts for the army & navy. As announced in earlier pages, his Company recently moved to new location and now occupies a factory that is described as being ideally suited to the finer arts of organbuilding. He was a member of the board of the St. Louis Symphony 1936-7, and is a member of the Institute of Aeronautical Sciences, the University Club, and Greenbriar Hills Country Club.

Nicholas Nabokov

• has been appointed to succeed Nadia Boulanger as lecturer and teacher of compoulanger as lecturer and teacher of composition in Peabody Conservatory, Baltimore. Mr. Nabokov's Biblical Symphony will be given two performances this December by the Baltimore Symphony. Formerly on the faculties of David Mannes School and Wells College, he now teaches liberal arts in St. John's College.

William Schuman

has been appointed director of publications for G. Schirmer Inc. Though Mr. Schuman, numbering himself among the young 'moderns,' has not produced any organ music, he has written for orchestra, his Symphony 3 having won the first annual award of the N. Y. Music Critics Circle, and his cantata, "A Free Song," was the first winner of the new Pulitzer prize.

Stephen Haff

• died Oct. 6 in Plainfield, N.J., aged 65. He was an executive with International Mo-tors and for 38 years had been organist of All Souls Unitarian, Plainfield. He is survived by his widow, a daughter, and three

Mrs. James Houston

• died Sept. 24 in Middletown, N.J., after a long illness, having celebrated her 101st birthday Aug. 27. For more than 20 years she had been organist of First Presbyterian, Westfield, N.J. She was born (Mary E. Woodruff) in Union, N.J., and is survived by two children, nine grandchildren, and eleven great-grandchildren.

William J. L. Meyer

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H. Maxwell Ohley

died Sept. 29 in the hospital in Rochester,
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1942, and had almost completed require-

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ments for his Ph.D. He is survived by his widow and both parents. In 1943 he left Christ Church, Rochester, to go to Trinity Church, Buffalo, retaining residence in Rochester to complete his studies. His Symphony in Time of War was first performed in April 1944 by the Rochester Symphony, with a performance scheduled for this season by the Buffalo Philharmonic. This past summer he directed the choir and gave

on church music for the Finger Lakes Con-ference of the Episcopal church.

Mr. Ohley was born July 14, 1912, in Saugerties, N.Y., graduated from the high-school in Rochester, and then from the Uni-versity of Rochester and the Eastman School of Music, earning his Mus.Bac. in 1941 and the M.Mus. in 1942. His organ teachers were Catharine Crozier and Harold Gleason; he studied theory with Gustave Soderlund, composition with Howard Hanson. His first church position was Plymouth Spiritualist in 1927, followed by Emmanuel Presbyterian 1929, Brighton Reformed 1931, and Christ 1929, Brighton Reformed 1931, and Christ Episcopal 1942, all of Rochester, going in 1943 to his last position, Trinity Episcopal, Buffalo. For six months he worked the night-shift in a war plant. In 1940 he married Louise R. Claesgens. His father has been singing in church choirs for half a century. He leaves six anthems in print with some twenty organ and other works in manu-script, including a "Communion Service" completed only a week before he died. And thus most regrettably is ended a career that was just at its beginning. Mr. Ohley was not only a well-schooled musician but was blessed with a personality that would have carried him far in his chosen profession.

Edward W. Spraggs

• whose death March 2 was not recorded at that time, was born Jan. 5, 1884, in Plymouth, England, came to America in 1910, became a citizen in 1935. He had his schooling in Plymouth and from 1902 to 1908 was organist of various churches in England; in America he spent his first year as organist of the First Presbyterian, Two Harbors, Minn. In England he was in the Harbors, Minn. In England he was in the organ business with his father under the name of T. W. Spraggs & Sons. He is sur-vived only by his widow, who continues to reside in Two Harbors, Minn.

#### Joseph Bonnet

• The September p.203 article mentioned a 3m or 4m organ bequeathed to Mr. Bonnet. Paul E. Grosh writes: "Having recollection of such an organ, which I heard during my two-year study with Bonnet, I recall it was a 4m Casavant. I remember hearing him play the Bach Fantasia & Fugue on it at its dedication. All the elite were there."

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A—Accompaniment hc—high C\*

h—harmonic hc—high C\* l—languid m—metal m—mouth-width mc—middle C\* o—open pf—prepared for r—reeds -Accompaniment -Bombarde Choir -Choir
-Antiphonal
-Echo
-Fanfare
-Great
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-Celestial
-SoLo
-StriNg
-Orchestral r—reeds
rs—repeat stroke
2r—two rank, etc.
s—scale
s—sharp
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u—cut-up
uc—upper C\*
unx—unexpressive
w—wind-pressure
w—wood
wm—wood & met.
z—zinc
"—wind pressure
"—diam. of pipe
'—pitch of lowest
pipe in the rank —bars —bearded —brass c—bottom C\* bc—bottom C-c—copper c—cylinders cc—cres. chamber d—double f—flat fr—free reed h—halving on

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